A Fellow's Mother.

BY M. R. SANGSTER.

"A fellow's mother," said Fred the wise,
With his rosy cheeks and merry eyes,
"Knows what to do if a fellow gets hurt
By a thump, or a bruise, or a fall in the dirt.

"A fellow's mother" has bags and strings,
Rags and buttons, and lots of things;
No matter how busy she is, she'll stop
To see how well you can spin your top.

"She does not care, not much, I mean,
If a fellow's face is not always clean,
And if your trousers are torn at the knee
She can put in a patch that you'd never see.

"A fellow's mother is never mad,
But only sorry if you are bad;
And I tell you this, if you are only true,
She'll always forgive whate'er you do.

"I'm sure of this," said Fred the wise,
With a manly look in his laughing eyes,
"I'll mind my mother, quick, every day,
A fellow's a baby that don't obey."

—THE METHODIST.

The summer is about over and the little letters will soon begin to come in again.

Friend Bauman was right. One number was missed in Company B and the Editor will get in yet. Aunt Mary who keeps the record happened to miss one number, and that lets us in. Hurrah for the Editor.

DEAR EDITOR:—This is my first attempt to write for the paper. I am a little girl 8 years old. My mamma died when I was five years old. I am living with my uncle. I go to Sunday School at Trent's church. Mrs. Ben Miller is my teacher. I like her. I also go to church. Brother Knepper is our preacher. We like him very much. I will send ten cents. I want to be a member of Company C. I hope this will not go in the waste basket.

KATIE MAY ZIGLER.

Pugh, Pa.

Old Jack in a Snow Storm.

Some years since, a party of surveyors had just finished their day's work in the Northwestern part of Illinois, when a violent snow-storm came on. They started for their camp.

The wind was blowing very hard, and the snow drifting so as to nearly blind them. When they thought they had nearly reached their camp, they all at once came upon tracks in the snow. These they looked at with care, and found to their dismay, that they were their own tracks.

It was now plain that they were lost on the great prairie, and that if they had to pass the night there in the cold and the snow, the chance was that not one of them would be alive in the morning. While they were all shivering with fear and with cold, the chief surveyor caught sight of one of their horses, a gray pony known as "Old Jack," and said: "If any one can show us our way to camp in this blinding snow, Old Jack can do it. I will take off his bridle and let him loose, and we will follow him. I think he will show us the way to our camp."

The horse, as soon as he found himself free, threw his head in the air, as if proud of the trust. Then he snuffed the breeze and gave a loud snort, which seemed to say, "Come on, boys. Follow me: I'll lead you out of this scrape."

He then turned in a new direction and walked off, and the men followed him. They had not gone more than a mile when they saw the cheerful blaze of their camp-fire. They all gave a loud hurrah at the sight.

They felt grateful to God for their safety, and threw their arms around Old Jack's neck to thank him for what he had done. I know this is a true story, for my father was the chief of the party on the occasion. And *we know the parties* and *that it is true.*—Editor of Our Dumb Animals.

Ruined by Bad Company.

If the company of the wicked does not leave a smear it will leave a smell: if it be not deadly it will be dangerous. Some of us are more plastic or malleable than others, and we are the first to be impressed by our surroundings; it is to us, therefore, of the first importance to place ourselves in holy society, and shun all needless association with the godless as we would avoid the plague. We are ourselves acquainted with many who have been ruined by bad company—such were C——, who became a reprobate through spending his Sabbaths in excursions and amusements; F——, who was led into speculation and ultimate embazzlement through his friends of the billiard table; H——, who was never worth a penny piece after he had found his heaven in the banquets of the Freemasons; J——, who went from bad to worse through the company of those who laugh at purity, and call vice pleasure. Indeed, the list is endless; and we shall be conceited to no ordinary degree if we imagine that we shall be safe where so many have fallen, never to rise again.—Spurgeon.

Origin of Handshaking.

In early and barbarous times, when every savage or semi-savage was his own lawgiver, judge, soldier and policeman, and had to watch over his own safety in default of all other protection, when two friends or acquaintances, or two strangers desiring to be acquaintances, chanced to meet, they offered each to the other the right hand alike of offense and defense, the hand that wields the sword, the dagger, the club, tomahawk or other weapons of war. Each did this to show that the hand was empty, and that neither war nor treachery was intended. A man cannot well stab another while he is engaged in the act of shaking hands with him, unless he be a double-dyed traitor and villain, and strives to aim a cowardly blow with the left while giving the right, and pretending to be on good terms with him. —Sel.

Be Courteous, Boys.

"I treat him as well as he treats me," said Hal.

His mother had just reproached him because he did not attempt to amuse or entertain a boy friend who had gone home.

"I often go in there and he doesn't notice me," said Hal again.

"Do you enjoy that?"

"Oh! I don't mind; I don't stay long."

"I should call myself a very selfish person if friends came to see me and I should pay no attention to them."

"Well, that's different, you're grown up."

"Then you really think that politeness and courtesy are not needed among boys."

Hal, thus pressed, said he didn't exactly mean that; but his father, who had listened, now spoke: "A boy or man who measures his treatment of others by their treatment of him, has no character of his own. He will never be kind, or generous, or Christian. If he is ever to be a gentleman, he will be so in spite of the boorishness of others. If he is to be noble no other boy's meanness will change his nature." And very earnestly the father added: "Remember this, my boy. You lower your own self every time you are guilty of an unworthy action because some one else is. Be true to your best self, and no boy can drag you down."—Well Spring.

How to Become Happy.

Many young persons are ever thinking over some new ways to add to their pleasures. They always look for chances for more "fun," more joy.

Once there was a wealthy and powerful king, full of care and very unhappy. He heard of a man famed for his wisdom and piety, and found him in a cave on the borders of a wilderness.

"Holy man," said the king, "I come to learn how I may be happy."

Without making a reply, the wise man led the king over a rough path till he brought him in front of a high rock, on the top of which an eagle had built her nest.

"Why has the eagle built her nest yonder?"

"Doubtless," answered the king, "that it may be out of danger."

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Wheeling	8 50	10 15	925	p m 1 45	p m *2 40
Bellaire	9 27	10 53	10 02	2 25	3 21
Zanesville	11 47	a m 1 23	p m 12 41	5 36	5 57
Newark	a m 2 25	2 25	2 00	6 45	
Ar. Columbus	3 25	†3 25	3 00	7 50	
Ar. Cincinnati	7 30	7 30	7 30		
Louisville	p m 12 40	p m 12 40	a m 7 00		
St. Louis	6 40	6 40	7 45		
Lv. Columbus	11 05		*11 20	a m 17 20	p m †4 55
Mansfield	a m 2 23	a m †5 55	p m 4 37	10 28	*8 42
Ar. Sandusky		8 00	7 00	pm 12 30	
Lv. Tiffin	3 48	8 07	6 52	107	10 18
Ar, Chicago	11 40	4 50	5 30		6 30

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Lv. Chicago	p m *3 20	a m *8 10	p m 10 2	a m	p m *5 45
Fostoria	9 57	5 20	6 50	p m 1 29	
Tiffin	10 18	5 52	7 29	1 57	1 02
Sandusky		*6 25	7 40	00	
Ar. Mansfield	11 44	8 42	9 53	3 58	2 46
Lv. Cincinnati	a m 7 10	*7 10	7 30		
Columbus	p m 11 05	11 05	11 20	4 55	
Lv. Newark	a m 1 40	a m 12 15	p m 12 50	a m 6 20	a m 4 55
Zanesville	2 23	1 04	1 50	7 05	5 40
Bellaire	4 42	3 25	4 30		8 08
Wheeling	7 10	4 00	5 20		p m †12 45
Ar. Pittsburgh	10 30	6 45	8 00		4 00
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Chicago Lv	3 30p m	8 10p m	8 45a m	
Englewood	4 00p m	8 40p m	9 15a m	
Hammond	4 07p m	8 46p m	9 21a m	
Grand Crown Point		9 04p m	9 39a m	
No. Judson		9 16p m	9 51a m	
Rochester	6 32p m	9 45p m	10 18a m	
Akron		10 50p m	11 31a m	
Bolivar		11 01p m	11 42a m	
Hunt'g't'n Ar	7 55p m	11 56p m	12 15p m	
Hunt'g't'n Lv	7 60p m	†12 16a m	2 28p m	
Kingsland			2 35p m	
Marble		12 40a m	3 35p m	
Enterprise	8 40	†2 05a m	3 50p m	
Spencerville		3 28a m	5 12p m	
Lima	9 48p m		4 10p m	5 45p m
Preston			4 44p m	6 16p m
Kenton	10 29p m		5 12p m	7 00p m
Marion	11 10p m		5 45p m	7 35p m
New York Ar	10 22p m		1 00p m	4 25p m
Boston	6 00a m		11 25a m	6 40p m

STATIONS.	No. 8.	No. 6.	No. 1.	No. 11.
Boston	10 22p m			
New York Ar	10 22p m			
Marion	11 10p m			
Kenton	11 50p m			
Preston	12 16a m			
Lima	1 05a m			
Spencerville	1 38a m			
Enterprise	1 52a m			
Decatur	2 12a m	4 38p m	11 55a m	2 00p m
Marble	2 35a m	5 25p m	12 15p m	2 25p m
Kingsland	3 05a m	5 55p m	1 00p m	3 00p m
Hunt'g't'n Ar	3 30a m			
Hunt'g't'n Lv			1 45p m	3 45p m
Bolivar			2 14p m	4 14p m
New Madison			2 36p m	4 36p m
Rochester	4 25a m	6 22p m	3 15p m	5 15p m
Marshland			3 51p m	5 51p m
Akron			4 22p m	6 22p m
No. Judson			5 16p m	7 16p m
Crown Point			6 00p m	8 00p m
Hammond			6 29p m	8 29p m
Englewood			6 36p m	8 36p m
Chicago Ar	8 00a m	9 45p m	7 10p m	9 10p m

TRAINS WEST.

STATIONS.	No. 2.	No. 4.	No. 12.	No. 32.
Chicago Lv	11 10 pm	2 10p m	8 00a m	4 30p m
Englewood	11 30 pm	2 45p m	8 25a m	6 25a m
Hammond	12 02 am	3 27p m	8 45a m	6 45a m
Crown Point			9 17a m	7 35a m
No. Judson			9 45a m	8 03a m
Rochester	2 12a m	4 38p m	10 35a m	11 15p m
Akron			11 06a m	12 00m
Bolivar			11 28a m	2 00p m
Hunt'g't'n Ar	3 05a m	5 25p m	11 55a m	3 25p m
Hunt'g't'n Lv	3 30a m	5 29p m	12 15p m	5 00p m
Kingsland			1 00p m	a m
Marble			1 42p m	
Enterprise			2 14p m	
Decatur			2 36p m	
Spencerville			3 51p m	
Lima			4 25p m	
Preston			5 16p m	
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New York Ar			7 10p m	
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